



St. Hedwig Parish

Manchester, New Hampshire

August 8, 2021



19th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Dziewiętnasta Niedziela Zwykła

All Masses live streamed at sainthedwighn.org

Weekend Mass Times:

Saturday 4:00 pm.
Sunday 10:00 am.

Weekday Mass Times:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 5:30 pm.
Tuesday, Thursday 9:00 am.

Holy Day Masses

Vigil Mass 6:00 pm.
Mass of the Day 8:00 am.

Confessions:

Saturday 3:00 pm. - 3:30 pm.

Eucharistic Adoration:

After the Thursday Morning Mass

Divine Mercy Devotion: Friday 5:10 pm.

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St. Hedwig Cemetery

Old Bedford Rd.
Bedford, NH.

For cemetery inquiries, call the parish number.



Pastor's Letter

Hello Everyone!

Over the last few weeks, we have been hearing in the gospels what is called the Bread of Life Discourse. We saw the multiplication of the loaves and fishes, where with only five loaves and two fish, thousands were fed and satisfied. Then Jesus tells us that He is the bread come down from heaven, and that He is the bread of life. We who partake of this bread shall have everlasting life.

The Jewish audience in the days of Jesus are having a very difficult time trying to understand what Jesus means by this. How can he call Himself bread, how can we eat the flesh of a man? They also questioned His wisdom. This guy is only a carpenter, where does He get such knowledge or even the authority to say what He is saying? Well, if you are the Son of God, of course. The people are not seeing beyond the humanity of Jesus, nor are they realizing that He is the Divine Son of God, come down from heaven to save the People Israel. There were those who did believe and gathered in droves to seek Jesus out. Wherever He went, at least to try to find some time for Himself, people congregated because they wanted to see for themselves what Jesus can do, mainly to heal the sick. What Jesus really wanted to do is to restore the people spiritually, bringing them back to the heart of God.

Here we are two thousand years later. We still gather to seek Jesus, in our worship at Mass, and even in our everyday experiences in the world. We too seek healing for whatever ails us physically, spiritually, and mentally. We live in a crazy world and many have lost sight of God. We must keep our gaze towards heaven, our true goal, so that we can remain faithful, and close to God.

This is why we come to church. To give the worship that is due to God, to give thanks for the blessings we have received, and most importantly, to receive the bread from

heaven, Jesus in the Eucharist.

Like in many parishes around the world, we see many empty pews. We remember the days in the past when churches were full, but over time, cultures and ideas change and many people begin to fall away from what is good and necessary for us, our faith. The world is very enticing and promises fleeting pleasures that do not satisfy, telling us that God is not that important any more. For many of us who continue to practice our faith, God is important. We need Him. He sustains us, guides us, helps us in times of need.

This help and support comes to us in the Eucharist. On that Last Supper night, Jesus took bread and wine, giving thanks and consecrating it to God, it has become for us the everlasting gift of time immemorial, the Eucharist. We are true believers in the true presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. The priest, who by his ordination and invocation of the Holy Spirit, has the ability to offer in the same way as Jesus, the bread and wine, to become Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ. This he does for the community of believers so that they may receive Him for the physical and spiritual nourishment for the journey of life, and his pilgrimage of faith that will lead us to our heavenly home.

Despite the challenges we face everyday, we strive for holiness, we strive to become saints. We can achieve this and Jesus is here to help us. He tells us that He is the Bread of Life and we have every reason to believe this. We can be comforted by these words because it is an invitation to a life with Christ and to grow in holiness everyday. Do not give up the fight against the world, but keep our sights on heaven, live the best life we can, and pray. Someday we shall all join in the Eternal Banquet of Heaven.

Fr. Eric





Parish Staff

Rev. Eric T. Delisle
Pastor

Sr. M. Thomas Lesniak
Pastoral Assistant

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Music Director

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Parish Maintenance

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Parish Secretary



Welcome

Are you new to the parish?

We are glad you can worship with us at St. Hedwig Parish. Please register at the rectory or in the Sacristy after Mass. If you haven't already, please take a parish registration form at the entrance of the Church and fill it out. On the reverse side of the form, you can make a choice of joining any of the Parish Ministries available at St. Hedwig. When complete, please drop the form in the collection basket or mail it to the parish office at:

147 Walnut Street, Manchester, NH 03104



Please pray for the sick and homebound of our parish:

*Shirley Stemska, Rita Haskins, Emily Mencywor,
Walter Gorski, Richard Radlinski*

If you know of any other members of St. Hedwig's who are homebound and could be added to this list, please let Fr. Eric know or leave a message on the parish voice mail. Thank you.

A Prayer for the Sick of our Parish

May you be wrapped up in God's love found deep in His everlasting wings. Carried and kept, safe and cherished. May the healing power of Christ breath across your being now.



Parish Information

St. Hedwig Cemetery

Old Bedford, Bedford, NH 03103

Phone: 603-623-4835

Sacraments:

Baptism

Please contact the parish if you wish to have your child baptized. Baptisms are celebrated after the 10 am Mass on Sundays, except during the Lenten season.

Marriage

Marriages are booked six months in advance.

Convent

Sr. Mary Thomas Lesniak, CSSF

Sr. Jacqueline Mary Kazanowski, CSSF

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Weekly Giving

Donations received, July 24 - 30, 2021

Weekly Offerings \$ 1,181.00

Online giving \$ 100.00

Total: \$ 1,281.00

Thank You!

Bóg Zapłać

We have made available for your use a trifold paper worship aid that contains the readings and the music for Mass. Scott, our music director, takes the time and effort to put these together so as to guide us through the Mass. Some may prefer to use these over the missalettes. If using the paper worship aid, please bring it home with you or dispose of it after Mass. If you prefer to use the missalettes, they are yours for the taking to bring with you to Mass on the weekends.



Apparitions of St. Joseph

On June 7th of 1660, a shepherd of 22 years of age named Gaspard Ricard, was herding his sheep to the east side of Mount Bessillon. At roughly 1pm the heat grew stronger and harder to bear. Very tired and thirsty, he decided to lay upon the rocky ground for a rest when suddenly a tall man stood next to him and pointed to a nearby rock saying: "I am Joseph, lift the rock and you will drink." The startled young man saw that the large rock looked heavy, stating that it would take about eight men to move it. He asked how he would be able to do this alone s there were no other men around besides him. St Joseph reiterated his instruction to lift the rock. Gaspard obeyed and, moving the rock, found fresh water flowing from underneath. He began to drink excitedly and looking up he found that St Joseph had disappeared. With haste he ran into town exclaiming this news to the villagers and within three hours the small spring of water had now become a fountain of overabundant water.

It is interesting to note that St Joseph had nothing else to say besides his simple instruction to lift the rock and drink. But in the absence of words, he has told us much. Water is the sign of healing and new life in the Roman Catholic Church and here we are shown that Joseph pointed to this source of water. He is given to us as an intercessor, leading us to drink of the fountain of life in Jesus.

As a result of these occurrences, King Louis XIV (1638-1715) decreed that day to be a holiday and, after making his own pilgrimage to this place, he consecrated France - as well as himself - to St Joseph. These waters which sprang forth in Cotignac, France, would become a sign of hope for many people as these waters have curative properties for both the body and the soul. There now stands at that place a sanctuary dedicated to the honor of St Joseph. One of the documented miracles that took place was recorded in 1662 by a priest who had gone there the previous year.

Saturday, August 7, 2021

4:00 pm. **+S.p. Charlotte Clearly** *from the Williams Family*

Sunday, August 8, 2021 19th Sunday of Ordinary Time

10:00 am. **+S.p. Ignacy Betley** *from Lindi Cote*

Monday, August 9, 2021 St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

5:30 pm. **For the protection of the unborn**

Tuesday, August 10, 2021 St. Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr

9:00 am. **+S.p. Chris LeBlanc** *from the Szulc Family*

Wednesday, August 11, 2021 St. Clare, Virgin

5:30 pm. **+S.p. Clarence Armstrong** *from Lyndi Cote*

Thursday, August 12, 2021 St. Jane Frances de Chantal

9:00 am. **+S.p. Mae Larouche** *from the Williams Family*

Friday, August 13, 2021 Sts. Pontian & Hippolytus

5:30 pm. **+S.p. Walter Szafarz** *from the Family*

Saturday, August 14, 2021

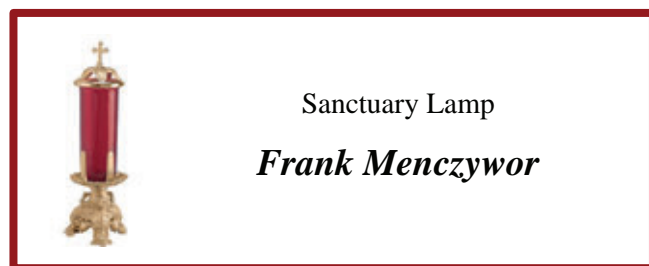
4:00 pm. **+S.p. Raymond Menard** *from the Family*

Sunday, August 15, 2021 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

10:00 am. **+S.p. Helen Stacey** *from Lindi Cote*



Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen



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Parish Devotional Life

“Jak sobie pościelesz, tak się wyśpisz.”

*You rest the way you have made your bed.
As ye sow, so shall ye reap.*



Readings of the Week

Monday: Dt 10:12-22; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9; Jn 12:24-26

Wednesday: Dt 34:1-2; Ps 66:1-3a, 5, 8, 16-17; Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 18:21 — 19:1

Friday: Jos 24:1-13; Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22, 24; Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Jos 24:14-29; Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 11; Mt 19:13-15

Sunday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28

Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

Eucharistic Adoration on Thursdays



Come spend some quiet time with our Lord, present in the Holy Eucharist.

**Thursdays after the 9:00 am Mass
(9:30 am)**

“In a world where there is so much noise, so much bewilderment, there is a need for silent adoration of Jesus concealed in the Host. Be assiduous in the prayer of adoration and teach it to the faithful. It is a source of comfort and light, particularly to those who are suffering.”
Pope Benedict XVI

*Adoration is also available at St. Joseph Cathedral,
Wednesdays 7:30 am - 6:00 pm.in the chapel (Lowell St.)*

Join us every Sunday for the recitation of the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet before Mass at 9:15 am.



“Love the Madonna and pray the Rosary, for her Rosary is the weapon against the evils of the world today. All graces given by God pass through the Blessed Mother.”

St Padre Pio



Sunday Readings

Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Reading I: I Kings 19: 4-8

Elijah the prophet flees from Ahab’s kingdom when that king refused to convert from paganism. He heads for the southern desert enroute to Mt. Horeb when he is overcome with desolation and wants to die. Suddenly an angel appears and provides him with food and drink to get up and finish his trip.

Reading II: Ephesians 4: 30 – 5:2

This section of the Letter presents an illustration of the type of conduct proper to a baptized Christian, who is now endowed with a whole new nature.

The Gospel: John 6: 41-51

After weathering a dispute that had arisen about His origin, Jesus declares Himself “the Bread of Life,” that gives us the strength we need for the strength to complete our journey home.

Św. Andzrej Bobola



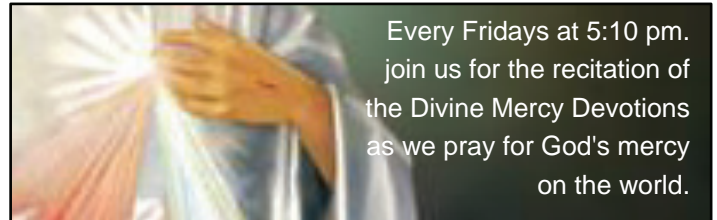
Saint Andrew was born of an old and illustrious Polish family, in the Palatinate of Sandomir, 1590. His family had always protected the Jesuits and shown itself very liberal towards them. God blessed both the family and the Jesuits in this future martyr, who would bring both of them great glory. He entered that Order in 1611.

After making his solemn vows, 2 June, 1630, he was made superior at Bobruisk, where he wrought wonders by his preaching and distinguished himself by his devotion during an epidemic of the plague.

Fr Bobola in 1636 resigned his post as Superior to preach for twenty-one years along all the roads of Lithuania, which he was evangelizing. Poland and Lithuania, its neighbor, were being ravaged in those days by the Cossacks, Russians and Tartars, and the Jesuits suffered much from these invaders, who did not like them and their religion. The people were enduring great misery; Father Andrew sustained their courage and helped to combat the invading religious errors.

A Catholic nobleman of this province offered the Jesuits a house at Pinsk, and here Father Bobola was stationed. The schismatics vainly endeavored in every manner to hinder him in the exercise of his apostolic duties, extending their persecutions to attacks upon his person. On 16 May, 1657, he was seized by two Cossacks and severely beaten. Then tying him to their saddles, they dragged him to Janów where he was subjected to incredible tortures. After having been burned, half strangled, and partly flayed alive, he was released from suffering by a sabre stroke. He was buried by the Catholics at the Jesuit College at Pinsk.

Forty-five years later, by a miracle, God revealed the whereabouts of his forgotten tomb to the Jesuit Fathers, who had seen the continuing evils of war ruin many of their works. His tombstone, then buried underground, was found after the Saint appeared twice in vision to the Rector of the College, saying he wished to protect his brethren and the students, and indicating to him the location of his grave. His mutilated body was incorrupt, and a fine fragrance came from the open tomb. Saint Andrew was beatified by Pope Pius IX in 1853, and canonized in April of 1938 by Pope Pius XI.



Every Fridays at 5:10 pm.
join us for the recitation of
the Divine Mercy Devotions
as we pray for God's mercy
on the world.



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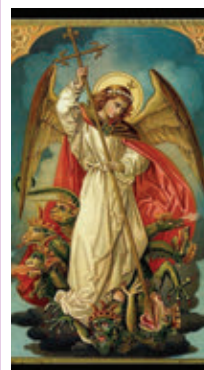
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Wisdom of the Saints

“We become what we love and who we love shapes what we become. If we love things, we become a thing. If we love nothing, we become nothing. Imitation is not a literal mimicking of Christ, rather it means becoming the image of the beloved, an image disclosed through transformation. This means we are to become vessels of God's compassionate love for others.”

St. Clare of Assisi

Feast day: August 11



“Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us
in battle. Be our protection against the
wickedness and snares of the devil; May
God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And
do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host,
by the power of God, thrust into hell
Satan and all evil spirits who prowl
through the world for the ruin of souls.
Amen.”

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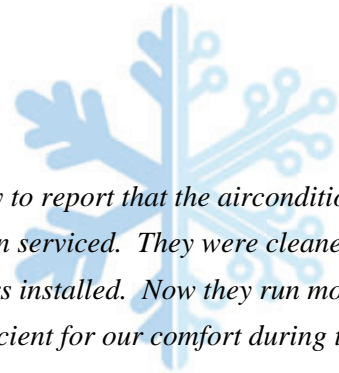
Date: Tuesday, September 14th
Time: 6:30 p.m. EST
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I'm happy to report that the airconditioning units have been serviced. They were cleaned and had new filters installed. Now they run more cleaner and efficient for our comfort during the warm summers.

Catholic Quiz: What prominent heresy did the First Council of Nicea condemn?

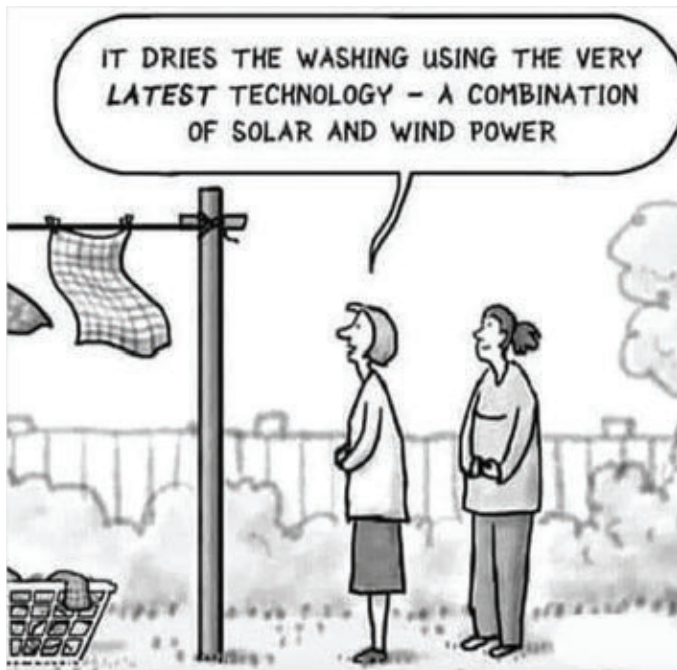
The First Council of Nicaea, convened in 325, condemned the heresy of Arianism. Arianism was first proposed by the Catholic priest Arius, who lived in Alexandria, Egypt. Arius promoted the claim that Jesus Christ was not divine.

Although this contradicted the Church's teachings, as expressed through Sacred Tradition and Sacred Scripture, the idea became so popular that a majority of Catholic bishops accepted Arius' claims by the time the First Council of Nicaea was convened.

Under the guidance of Saint Nicholas, the council developed the Nicene Creed and condemned Arianism as a heresy. The divinity of Christ was reasserted and Arius was pronounced a heretic.



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